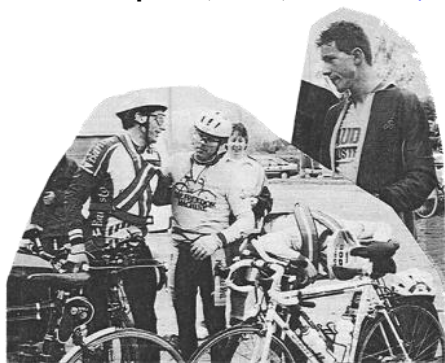


Dear Fellow Queenslanders,

**The Current Australian Records for the Oppy have stood for over 20 years!**

**The Endorphins, 1993, 770km** [https://audax.org.au/public/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=47](https://audax.org.au/public/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=47)



**Attitude is Everything, 1996 550km**



*Attitude Is Everything – Alison Chambers, Carolyn Jerome, Debra Eason, Sue Carey, Sue Donoghue – also rode 550km*

**Other Notable Record Attempts:**

**2009:** Andrew Bragg did 605km in WA with Nick Dale, Colin Law (WA)

[https://audax.org.au/public/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=153%3AOppy-winners-table&catid=35%3Amaior-rides&Itemid=72](https://audax.org.au/public/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=153%3AOppy-winners-table&catid=35%3Amaior-rides&Itemid=72)

**2014:** "Pane e Acqua" 730k Chris Munro, Craig Fry, Trevor Junge (VIC)

<https://cyclingtips.com/2014/03/attempting-the-oppy-24-hour-record/>

**Disqualifications:**

If you want inspiration wrapped in a cautionary tale, look no further than the 2016 record attempts at the male & female Oppy records. Both "Team Brevet" (800 km) and "Four Abreast" (619 km) beat the records, but both teams were disqualified by breaking the Oppy rules. (Received organised outside assistance between checkpoints).

**2016 "Four Abreast" 619 km (DQ)**

<https://cyclingtips.com/2016/04/the-oppy-slaying-sleep-monsters-to-chase-an-australian-womens-24-hour-record/>

**2016 "Team Brevet" 800 km (DQ)**

<https://cyclingtips.com/2016/03/how-to-break-a-24-hour-team-time-trial-record-can-drew-ginn-and-team-brevet-do-it/>

<https://www.lavelocita.cc/la-velocita-rides/team-brevet-oppy-24-2016>

**Registration in 2018:**

The team captain (yes, you need to nominate one) registers first and enters the team name in the on-line registration. The other members register after the team name has been entered. Full details here:

[https://audaxqld.files.wordpress.com/2018/02/oppy\\_how\\_to\\_sign\\_up.pdf](https://audaxqld.files.wordpress.com/2018/02/oppy_how_to_sign_up.pdf)

### Team Profile: S.O.F.T.

This new combo for 2018 is attempting a minimum distance, minimum elevation ride. So naturally they are going with the name: "S.O.F.T."

(Which is case anyone is wondering is: "Slow Old Fat Team")

It is possible that they undergo a metamorphosis from hairy caterpillars into beautiful butterflies and change into: "Skinny Old Fast Team". Or not.

### The Facts:

The Oppy is a 24hr team time trial at least 360k (Petit Oppy 14hr > 180k). You must ride as a team of 3-5 and at least 3 must finish. This year the Oppy will start 8am Saturday 24th March and will finish 24 hrs later at University of Queensland, St Lucia. Teams / Supporters will meet for Breakfast at **St Lucy's**.

While the ride finishes at UQ, it can start anywhere of your choosing on a route of your own design. The definitive rules can be found on the Audax website:

<https://audax.org.au/public/images/stories/Documents/opyy%20ride%20rules%2020081101.pdf>

### Current Oppy Teams: (get on board!)

If you want to join one of the existing teams with < 5 members, send them an email. Or email [audaxqld@gmail.com](mailto:audaxqld@gmail.com) There are still people short of forming a team & maybes waiting in the wings.

<b>Teams Registered</b>	<b>Team Members (captain where known)</b>
Puffin' Billies (Petit) §	<b>Justin Bennett</b> , Jeremy Drice, Tim Golding, Nick Hemming, Peter Whittle
McOppies (Petit)	Ruth Brown, <b>John McMullan</b> , Darren Milczewski, Les O'Shea, Mark Snell
Cairns Strava Crew	Chris Clair, Warren Elliott, Joel Little, Keith Mole, Damien Newton
Hawaii 5-0 (Petit)	Drew Burgess , Deb Gillespie, Brian Kittler, Peter Kyrakides, Lloyd Stonadge
<b>Oppy Teams 360k/24h</b>	<b>Confirmed Team Members (alphabetical)</b>
Team SLO	Peter Jenkins, Vaughan Kippers, Pat Lehane, Kym Raffelt, George Row
Flat Out Oppytunists	Nick Booth, Nick Burnett, Steve Powell, Rod Staines
S.O.F.T.	Mark Harris, Mick Haywood, Helen Marson, <b>Ant Richardson</b> , Mark Riley
Newbies / Pretzels*	Ral Dover, Scott McCarthy, Peter Watson, Brian Hornby, Andrew Bragg
Derailed Damsels*	<b>Tara Horner</b> , Tracey Howley, Carol Williams + looking for other female riders
DoubleJ**	Jonny Ayres, Jeff Franklin, + looking for other riders
The Extremes	Mary Ann Allen, Elizabeth Bradford, Paula Castle, Jess Mills, <b>Gayle Sticher</b>
Dave's Team*	Tim Cooke, Dave Mujunen, Virve Mujunen, + others
HurtLocker **	Matthew Locker + others
<b>Petit Oppy 180k/14h</b>	
MMI (Me Myself & I)*	Anne Latimer, + looking for other female riders
The Waiters	Bob Adams, Joe O'Dea, Mal Gillespie, Rex Hutchison, Steve Kilpatrick
Small and Dainty	Kim Christie, Mark Kerswell, Nola Kerswell

§ may be splitting into 2 teams requiring more riders. Dirt lovers contact Justin.

\* Placeholder name, Team yet to decide

\*\* Placeholder name, I made up something until the team decides.

2018 is going to be a great year to do the Oppy!

Mark (SEQ Oppy Coordinator)

Links to more info: <https://audaxqld.wordpress.com/queensland-opyy-finishers/>